

BOOK REVIEWS

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TEXTBOOK OF IMMUNOPATHOLOGY—Volumes I and II—Peter A. Miescher, Professor of Hematology; Head, Division of Hematology, Hôpital Cantonal, University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland; and Hans J. Muller-Eberhard, M.D., Member Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation, Department of Experimental Pathology, La Jolla, California, and Professor of Pathology in Residence, University of California at San Diego, La Jolla, California; with 75 contributors. Grune & Stratton, Inc., 381 Park Avenue South, New York, N.Y. (10016), 1969. Volume I, 384 pages, \$19.75. Volume II, 420 pages, \$24.75.

For anyone interested in immunopathology, and few of us can afford not to be, these two volumes will be of great interest. They start with a section on general immunopathology in which the factors important in immunopathology are discussed followed by chapters on pathogenic immune reactions and experimental immune diseases. The section on general immunopathology concludes with chapters on the action of drugs on immune phenomena. The second part of the book deals with clinical immunopathology and here a great variety of diseases which may be of immune origin are discussed.

Inevitably in a book written by many authors there is some unevenness in coverage. Also some chapters were finalized in 1966 while others include references up to 1968. As a result, some of the more recent findings in certain rapidly advancing fields could not be included. Nevertheless, this book will provide an excellent rapid desk reference to the field and anyone contemplating work in this area will find it an excellent starting point.

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UROLOGY—Vol. 1-3—3rd. Ed.—Edited by Meredith F. Campbell, M.S., M.D., Late Professor of Urology, New York University, and Consulting Urologist, Bellevue Hospital, New York; and J. Hartwell Harrison, M.D., Cutler Professor of Surgery (Urology), Harvard Medical School, and Chief of Urology, Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston; with the collaboration of seventy-four contributing authorities. W. B. Saunders Company, West Washington Square, Philadelphia (19105), 1970. 3,046 pages, \$110.00 per set.

Brought up to date in its third edition, this textbook maintains a unique position as the most comprehensive and authoritative compendium on all aspects of urology that is available in the English language. Readers acquainted with the previous edition will welcome several new chapters on aspects of urology which have achieved prominence in recent years. Thus a chapter by D. R. Smith on the "Pathophysiology of Vesicoureteral Reflux" presents an admirable and balanced review of the subject, complementing the previous chapters on pediatric urology by Dr. Campbell. The vagaries of the physiology of micturition and bladder innervation are admirably presented by Boyarsky and Ruskin. The advances in diagnostic radioisotopes are properly accorded a separate chapter by C. C. Winter which should bring up to date old and new urologists alike. The section on Urologic

Surgery in the third volume contains a welcome new chapter on renal transplantation by W. E. Goodwin and D. C. Martin which is to be commended for the use of the outstanding illustrations previously published by the Starzl group. Some of the other chapters on surgical technique show little change and, while quite adequate, do suffer by comparison with the completely new presentations in the recently published volume *Urologic Surgery* edited by J. F. Glenn and W. H. Boyce.

Some duplication is unavoidable in the overlapping contributions from various authorities, perhaps even desirable. Old feathers molt slowly, however, and some of them ruffle the otherwise smooth presentation of this edition. In that category must be included the chapters on "Care of Urological Patient Before and After Operation" and "Urologic Endocrinology." Overall, however, this three-volume text remains indispensable to the urologist and to every medical library.

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OCCUPATIONAL CONTACT DERMATITIS—Robert M. Adams, M.D., Palo Alto Medical Clinic, Palo Alto; Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Dermatology, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford. J. B. Lippincott Company, E. Washington Square, Philadelphia, Pa. (19105), 1969. 262 pages. \$16.50.

This practical, well-done text by a Palo Alto dermatologist encompasses the number one cause of job-related disease. Contact dermatitis, either from direct irritation (80%) or allergic sensitization (20%), results in tremendous economic loss and over 800,000 compensation cases each year. Disability and discomfort may be severe, and the attending physician is often hard-pressed to correctly diagnose and relieve the problem.

This book should greatly aid the practicing physician, whether dermatologist, general practitioner, or industrial specialist. Based on wide personal experience and thorough literature review, it simplifies such things as occupational history-taking and the diagnosis and treatment of dermatitis. Specific instruction is given for cutaneous patch testing, a simple diagnostic tool for testing suspected allergens and photosensitizing chemicals. Thirty easily obtained substances are suggested for the initial patch testing of industrial patients.

Encyclopedic lists of allergens which are encountered in commercial products, industrial ingredients, and 100 occupations make detective work easier. The lists serve as excellent references, along with extensive chapter bibliographies. Special chapters discuss the most common industrial offenders, including soaps, solvents, resins, metals and petroleum derivatives.

Several chapters are unique and should particularly interest lawyers, industrial workers, and insurance experts. Plant survey and inspection is described and highly rec-